Special Superintendents' Webcast

Aug. 4, 2020

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Agenda

Coverings for Kids

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Communications Updates

Toni Konz, KDE Interim Director of Communications

Update on School Sports from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA)

Commissioner Julian Tackett

Update on KDE Guidance Document on Class Size

Kelly Foster, Associate Commissioner, KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Connie White and Immunization Branch Manager Emily Messerli, DNP, APRN

Question and Answer Session

Join us!

Coverings for

KIDS

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CoveringsforKids

Role of School Districts

- Donation centers and local coordinators to be appointed and set up by individual school districts
- Each school district will be provided a donation tracking form for intake
- School districts will receive an outreach packet, including language, graphics, drafted social posts and emails for promotion
- Individual school districts to decide ultimate use of masks

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Communications Updates

Toni Konz

KDE Interim Director of Communications

Office of the Commissioner

Coverings for Kids – Next Steps

- You will receive an outreach packet today in your email. We need your help in spreading the word.
- The packet will contain:
  - Draft social posts by platform (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
  - Logos
  - Draft emails for outreach
- The community will be asked to start donating masks beginning Aug. 11
- Tune into the governor's press conference today at 4 p.m. ET after this webcast

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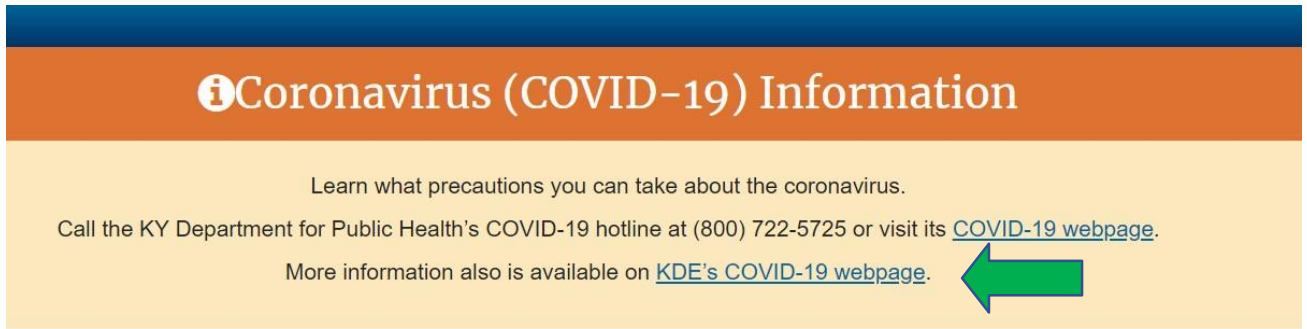
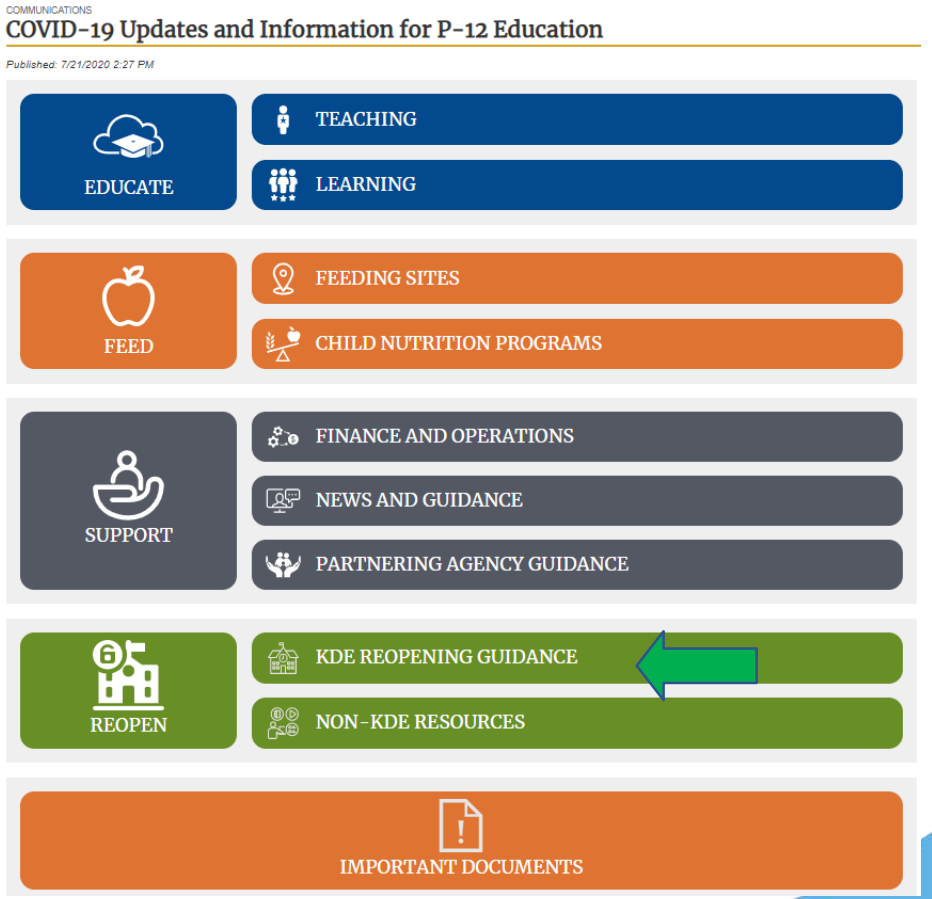
Kentucky Department of Education – Main Webpage



KDE COVID-19 Webpage



Overview of KDE Guidance Issued for Reopening Schools

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, KDE has been committed to providing guidance and solutions that focus on educating and feeding our children and providing support to our districts.

*Since May 15, we have been releasing **weekly** guidance documents to all of our superintendents and districts regarding reopening schools for the 2020-2021 year.*

We also created this "KDE Reopening Guidance" tab on our COVID-19 website, where you can find all of the guidance and our weekly Special Superintendents' Webcasts, which we have been holding since March.

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To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

May 15: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Initial Guidance for Districts and Schools*

May 26: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Supporting Student and Staff Wellness*

June 1: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Academic Re-entry, Stage One: Drafting an Adjusted Curriculum*

June 1: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Evaluating Students' Academic Readiness*

June 8: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Alternative Learning Design Strategies*

June 15: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Intermittent School Closures*

June 22: *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Food Service Operations - USDA School Meal Programs* ***June 24:*** *(With Kentucky DPH) Safety Expectations and Best Practices Guidelines for Kentucky Schools (K-12)* ***June 25:*** *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Pupil Transportation*

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To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

June 29:

- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Facilities and Logistics*
- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Plan for Reopening Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Facilities for Completion of Industry Certifications and Lab-Based Dual Credit Coursework*

July 6:

- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Workplace Health and Safety*

July 13:

- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Academic Re-entry, Stage Two: Meeting Learners' Academic Needs*

July 20:

- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Exceptional Learners and Preschool Students*
- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Compensatory Education and Extended School Year Services*
- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Daily Participation and Non-Traditional Instruction*

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To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

July 24:

- *Flexibility for Assigning Staff in the COVID-19 Instructional Settings*

July 27:

- *Considerations for Reopening Schools: Food Service Operations – Waivers for USDA School Meal Programs*

To come: ***Library Guidance***

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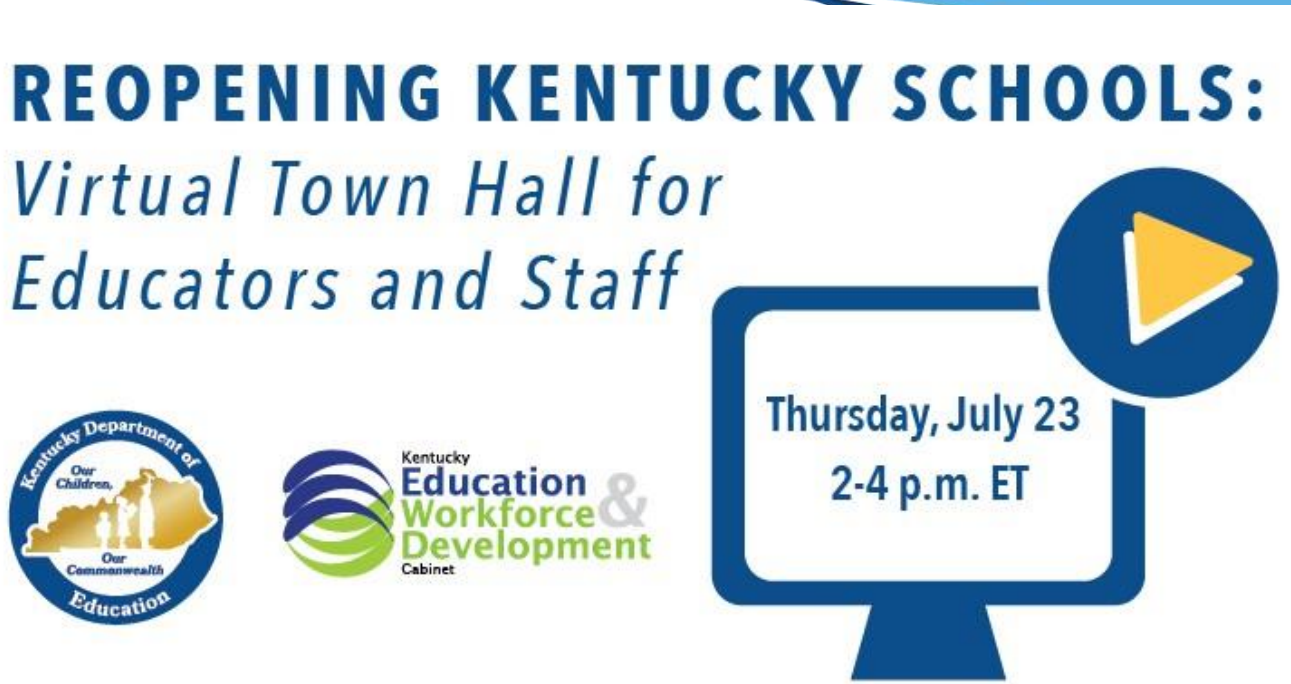

- The Town Hall was hosted and is archived on the KDE media portal and is open to the public.
- More than 3,000 people tuned in to the event live; more than 11K have watched the town hall
- We have finished answering questions, and answers are now entered into our COVID-19: Answers to FAQs for Kentucky's Schools and Districts (last updated July 31, 2020)
- Power Point: Virtual Town Hall July 23, 2020-ACCESSIBLE

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Next Steps:

Sports and Sport Activities Update

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Class Sizes in a Virtual Environment

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Considerations

- SBDM schools needing a class size waiver
- Non-SBDM school or program needing a class size waiver

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COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health
(Healthy at School)

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#HealthyAtSchool

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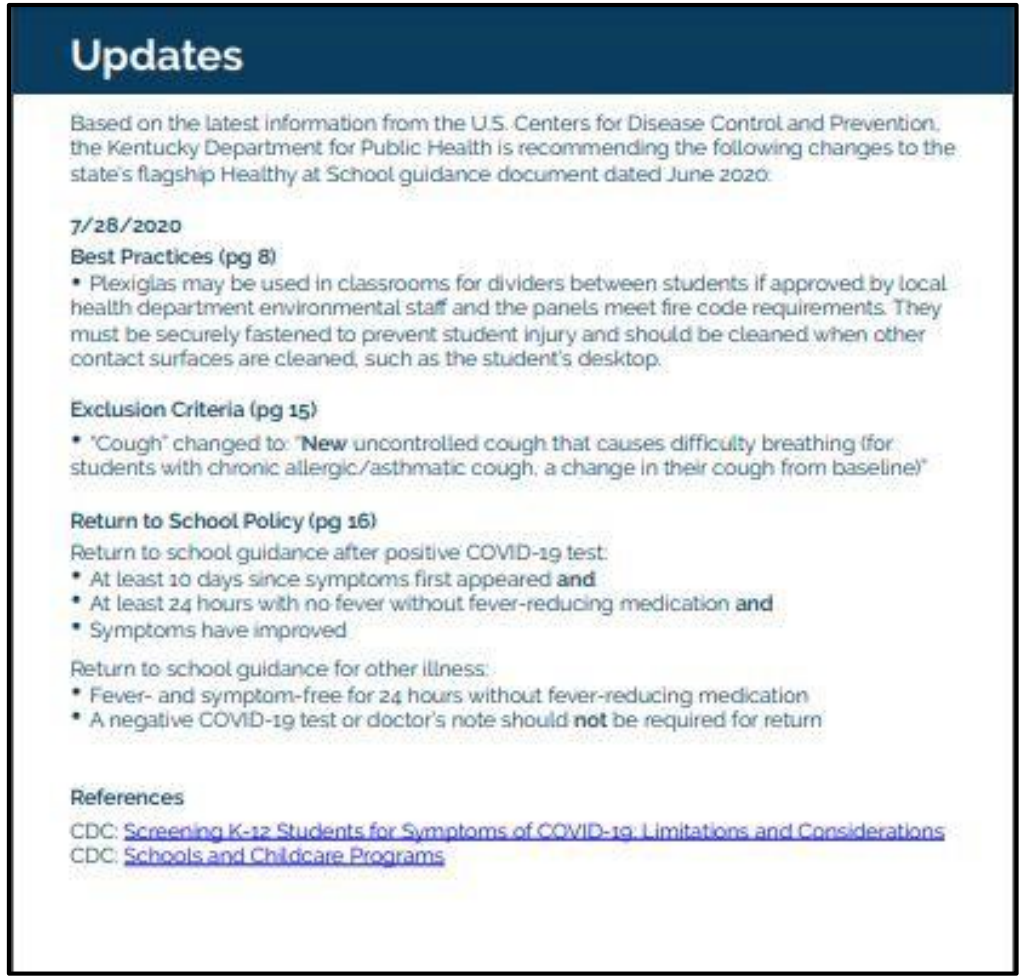
Revisions to Healthy at School guidance

July 28, 2020



Updates

Based on the latest information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Kentucky Department for Public Health is recommending the following changes to the state's flagship Healthy at School guidance document dated June 2020:

7/28/2020

Best Practices (pg 8)

- Plexiglas may be used in classrooms for dividers between students if approved by local health department environmental staff and the panels meet fire code requirements. They must be securely fastened to prevent student injury and should be cleaned when other contact surfaces are cleaned, such as the student's desktop.

Exclusion Criteria (pg 15)

- "Cough" changed to: "**New** uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)"

Return to School Policy (pg 16)

Return to school guidance after positive COVID-19 test:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
- Symptoms have improved

Return to school guidance for other illness:

- Fever- and symptom-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication
- A negative COVID-19 test or doctor's note should **not** be required for return

References

CDC: Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations
CDC: Schools and Childcare Programs

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Healthy at School

Safety Expectations

Strategies that must be implemented by schools.

- School health policies
- Cloth face coverings, PPE
- Screening for all students and staff (temperature checks)
- School exclusion
- Sanitization and environmental factors
- Social distancing
- Contact tracing

Best Practices

Additional strategies that schools may choose to follow.

- Physical barriers
- Discontinuing attendance-dependent rewards
- Meals served in classrooms
- Flexible sick-leave policies
- Designated Healthy at School officer
- Training for staff

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS